

2026-2027 Dependency Override

Federal financial aid regulations assume that the family has primary responsibility for meeting the educational costs of students. If you are considered a dependent student according to the financial aid definition, your aid eligibility is determined by using parent income and asset information (in addition to your information). Dependent students are required by law to provide parental information and signatures to be considered for financial aid.

There are seven conditions that, individually or in combination with one another, do not qualify as “unusual circumstances” and/or do not merit a dependency override. These circumstances are:

1. Student who does not want to ask parents for information.
2. Student who is and has been on “Their OWN” for several years.
3. Parents unwilling to provide information on the application or for verification.
4. Parents not claiming the student as a dependent for income tax purposes.
5. Student demonstrating total self-sufficiency.
6. Student who has been previously considered independent but does not meet the current definition for 2026-27.
7. Student who is divorced at the time of filing the FAFSA and does not meet one of the definitions for 2026-27.

Please Note:

- Appeals submitted without **sufficient supporting documentation will be denied.**
- Ensure all copies of records are **legible.**
- The Financial Aid Department may request additional documentation, require the appeal to be reviewed by a committee, or ask the student to participate in an interview.
- **This form does not guarantee an increase in financial aid eligibility.**

BE SURE TO:

- Complete the entire form. **Do not leave anything blank.** If not applicable, enter “N/A” or a “0”.

A. Student Information

Last Name

First Name

M.I.

Student CFK Email Address

CFK Student ID

B. Appeal Documentation

- A typewritten, signed statement from the student explaining in detail why you are submitting a request for dependency override.
- **Two signed** statements from a counselor, clergy, or other professional person or other individual(s) who have been involved in the circumstances surrounding your situation in professional capacity.
- **Formal** documentation that supports your situation – death certificate, incarceration records, police reports, court documents, etc.
- A copy of your 2024 Tax Transcript and 2024 W-2 statements.

C. Certification and Signature

I certify that all information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature

Date

WARNING: If you purposely give false or misleading information on this worksheet, you may be fined, be sentenced to prison, or both.